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SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING MEXICAN TRIP

REF: MCLENDON/HUGHES TELCON

1. FSOS FRANKLYN E. STEVENS, CHIEF, EMERGENCY AND PROTECTION SERVICES DIVISION, SCS, AND JAMES F. HUGHES, III, SCS, WILL TRAVEL TO MEXICO ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS FROM JANUARY 30 THROUGH FEBRUARY 24, 1976.

2. PRIMARY PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO CONFER WITH CONSULAR OFFICERS FOR PURPOSE OBTAINING THEIR VIEWS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR A PROPOSED PROTECTION HANDBOOK TO SERVE ON A WORLDWIDE BASIS AS PROCEDURAL NOTES FOR SECTION 350 OF 7 FAM. STEVENS AND HUGHES DESIRE IF POSSIBLE ACCOMPANY CONOFF ON PRISON VISIT AT EACH POST.

3. STEVENS AND HUGHES WILL ALSO DISCUSS CURRENT FASCELL COMMITTEE HEARINGS AND THEIR IMPACT ON CONSULAR

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OPERATIONS.

4. POSTS IN MEXICO BEING VISITED IN CONNECTION PREPARATION HANDBOOK DUE TO LABORATORY CONDITIONS EXISTING IN MEXICO. NO OTHER POSTS HAVE HAD TO DEAL EITHER WITH SUCH LARGE NUMBERS OF AMERICAN PRISONERS AND NONE HAVE FACED THE VARIETY OF DIFFICULTIES EITHER IN RANGE OR VOLUME. THUS EXCHANGE OF IDEAS WITH OFFICERS AT POSTS TO BE VISITED AND THEIR SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS CONSIDERED VITAL TO SUCCESS IN PRODUCING TRULY USEFUL CODIFIED GUIDELINES FOR DEALING WITH ARREST CASES.

5. PRISON VISITS DESIRED BOTH IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATION HANDBOOK AND ALSO AS A PART OF ONGOING RESPONSIBILITIES BOTH OFFICERS HAVE IN MEXICAN ARREST CASES.

6. TENTATIVE ITINERARY AS FOLLOWS:

FRIDAY JANUARY 30 - TRAVEL WASHINGTON, D.C. TO MEXICO CITY

MONDAY FEBRUARY 2 THROUGH WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4 CONFER WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS AND VISIT PRISONERS

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5 - TRAVEL TO MONTERREY TO REMAIN THROUGH FRIDAY FEBRUARY 6

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7 TRAVEL TO HERMOSILLO TO REMAIN THROUGH TUESDAY FEBRUARY 10

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11 TRAVEL TO TIJUANA TO REMAIN THROUGH FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14 TRAVEL TO LA PAZ, BAJA CALIFORNIA TO REMAIN THROUGH TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 18 TRAVEL PREFERABLY BY FERRY TO MAZATLAN TO REMAIN THROUGH FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21 TRAVEL TO MEXICO CITY TO REMAIN THROUGH MONDAY FEBRUARY 23 FOR WRAPUP WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS

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TUESDAY FEBRUARY 24 RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

7. REQUEST TWO SINGLE ROOMS WITH BATH IN MODERATE PRICED HOTELS THROUGHOUT.

8. VISIT NOT INTENDED PLACE ANY UNDUE BURDEN ON POSTS TO BE VISITED AND OFFICERS DO NOT RPT NOT EXPECT ANY

ASSISTANCE FROM POSTS ON WEEKENDS.

9. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S OFFER ARRANGE MEXICAN INTERNAL
TRAVEL PORTION OF TRIP.

10. LOOK FORWARD POSTS' COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS. KISSINGER

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